

ORIGINAL SENATE
FILE NO. SF0004

ENROLLED ACT NO. 24, SENATE

SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2025 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; amending the definition of peace officer to clarify and expand the scope of authority for park rangers, superintendents and assistant superintendents; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 6-1-104(a)(vi)(P), 7-2-101(a)(iv)(G), 7-2-106(e)(ii) and 35-7-1002(a)(xxiv) are amended to read:

6-1-104. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act, unless otherwise defined:

(vi) "Peace officer" includes the following officers assigned to duty in the state of Wyoming:

(P) Any superintendent, assistant superintendent, ~~or full-time district manager~~, park ranger ~~or reserve park ranger~~ of any state park, state recreation area, state archeological site or state historic site who has qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707, when acting within the boundaries of the state park, state recreation area, state archeological site or state historic site or when ~~responding to a request to assist other peace officers acting within the scope enforcing felony statutes following observation or discovery of the commission of a felony which was observed or discovered during the performance~~ of their official duties; ~~in their own jurisdiction;~~

7-2-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in W.S. 7-2-101 through 7-2-107:

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(iv) "Peace officer" means:

(G) Any superintendent, assistant superintendent, ~~or full-time district manager~~, park ranger or reserve park ranger of any state park, state recreation area, state archeological site or state historic site who has qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707, when acting within the boundaries of the state park, state recreation area, state archeological site or state historic site, ~~or when responding to a request to assist other peace officers performing~~ enforcing felony statutes following observation or discovery of the commission of a felony which was observed or discovered during the performance of their official duties;

7-2-106. Extraterritorial authority of peace officers; requests for assignment of peace officers; liability; compensation.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize a peace officer:

(ii) As defined in W.S. 7-2-101(a)(iv)(E) ~~or (G)~~ to act pursuant to paragraph (a)(ii) or (iii) or subsection (b) of this section; or

35-7-1002. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(xxiv) "Law enforcement officer" means any sheriff, undersheriff or sheriff's deputy of any county of this state, any duly authorized municipal policeman of any city or town of this state, any member of the Wyoming

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highway patrol, any police officer of the University of Wyoming or any Wyoming community college who is a peace officer, any superintendent, assistant superintendent, ~~or full-time~~ district manager, park ranger or reserve park ranger of a state park, state recreation area, state archeological site or state historic site who has qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707, when acting within the boundaries of the state park, state recreation area, state archeological site or state historic site or when ~~responding to a request to assist other law enforcement officers acting within the scope of their official duties in their own jurisdiction~~ enforcing felony statutes following observation or discovery of the commission of a felony which was observed or discovered during the performance of their official duties, or any special agent employed by the commissioner under this act;

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Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk